

December 28, 2004

Obit: Dorothy Murray

- The funeral for Dorothy Murray were held Monday, December 20, 2004 at the First Presbyterian Church of Britton, with Pastor Annie Tieszen officiating. Burial was in the Britton Cemetery.
- Price Funeral Chapel of Britton was in charge of the arrangements. Dorothy died Tuesday, December 14th at Beverly Healthcare Center in Groton, SD at the age of 85.
- Dorothy Victoria Erikson was born September 19, 1919 at Canova, SD to Erik and Hilma (Palmquist) Erikson. She grew up and attended school there. Dorothy was baptized at Sun Prairie Baptist Church at Salem, SD. After receiving her education, she lived with her Grandmother Palmquist at Canova.
- On May 2, 1938 she married Albert Leo Murray at Mitchell, SD. They lived in the Luverne, MN area for a period of time before moving to the Canova and Wetonka, SD areas. In 1952, they moved to the Amherst, SD area where they lived until moving to Britton, SD in the late 1960's.
- Albert died October 7, 1976 and Dorothy continued to live in Britton. Dorothy worked in the housekeeping department at the Marshall Manor (now Wheatcrest Hills) in Britton for several years. She also worked at Fran's Cafe and Wickre's Family Restaurant in Britton until retiring at the age of 82.
- Dorothy belonged to the First Presbyterian Church in Britton, and had previously attended the Zion Reformed Church in Amherst. She belonged to the Fun After Fifty group in Britton. She enjoyed embroidery, and had made several pieces for her friends and family. She liked to listen to the Old Time Fiddlers, and was especially fond of playing Bingo.
- Grateful for having shared her life are her daughter and two sons: Kenneth (Debbie) Murray of Claremont; Dennis (Karen) Murray of Frankfort; Lois (Roger) Severson of Pierpont; 18 grandchildren; three sisters: Eldora Elmore of Ozark, MO; Elaine (Darvin) Cottew of Fairmont, MN; Sylvia Handlin of Tujunga, CA; and one brother: Darrel Erikson of Lakewood, CA. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sons: Jerry Murray and Albert Leo Murray, Jr.; a grandson, Lonnie Severson; five brothers: Albert, Clifford, Raymond, Roland and George Erikson; two sisters: Ruth Erikson and Fern Brod; and two half-brothers: Erik and Carl Erikson.
- Music for the funeral was provided by Dorthy Jones, organist with special music by the Zion Reformed Men's Group. Casketbearers were her grandsons: Leslie Murray, Chad Murray, Jason Murray, Erik Murray, Leroy Severson, Leon Severson, Albert Severson, Lucas Severson and Darin Murray. Honorary casketbearers were her granddaughters: Cindy Murray, Shelley Freeman, DeeAnn Hughes, Lisa Severson, Larane Wahlen, Loretta Dinger and Candice Murray.